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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-10, 13-17 and 20

An optical add/drop multiplexer structure allowing flexible channel spacing/sharing within assigned sub-bands along a ring network (see claim 1)

2. claims: 11, 12, 18 and 19

An optical ADM structure allowing amplification of particular sub-bands of the network (see claim 11)

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